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Ohio Acreage Summary

Ohio field crop planting began behind schedule due to cool temperatures and wet fields late into the spring. Conditions improved in May, however, allowing producers to accelerate their planting pace to be ahead of the five-year average by the end of May. While planted area for corn and wheat continued a downward trend in Ohio, producers planted a record high level of soybean acres. Highlights of the 2015 June Acreage report follow:

According to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office, Ohio soybean growers planted 5.00 million acres. Harvested acres of soybeans are anticipated to be 4.99 million acres, which, if realized, would be a record high.

Nationally, soybean planted area for 2015 is estimated at a record high 85.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. In addition to Ohio, Record high planted acreage is estimated in Kentucky, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. Area for harvest, at 84.4 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2014 and will be a record high by nearly 1.4 million acres, if realized.

Ohio corn growers planted 3.5 million acres, a decrease of 200,000 acres from 2014.

U.S. corn planted area for all purposes in 2015 is estimated at 88.9 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. This represents the lowest planted acreage in the United States since 2010. Growers expect to harvest 81.1 million acres for grain, down 2 percent from last year.

Ohio winter wheat growers planted 550,000 acres of wheat, 70,000 acres fewer than last year.

In the U.S., winter wheat planted area is estimated at 40.6 million acres, down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate and down 4 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain is forecast at 33.3 million acres, down two percent from the previous forecast, but up 3 percent from last year.

Acres Planted by Crop, Ohio and United States: 2013 - 2015

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Corn, all						
Planted 1,000 acres	3,900	3,700	3,500	95,365	90,597	88,897
Corn, grain						
Harvested 1,000 acres	3,730	3,470	3,260	87,451	83,136	81,101
Hay, alfalfa						
Harvested 1,000 acres	330	310	260	17,673	18,445	18,337
Hay, other						
Harvested 1,000 acres	670	650	700	40,224	38,647	38,202
Oats						
Planted 1,000 acres	50	55	70	2,980	2,723	3,064
Harvested 1,000 acres	25	39	34	1,009	1,029	1,220
Soybeans						
Planted 1,000 acres	4,500	4,850	5,000	76,840	83,701	85,139
Harvested 1,000 acres	4,490	4,840	4,990	76,253	83,061	84,449
Tobacco						
Harvested acres	2,100	2,000	1,900	355,675	378,360	320,950
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	660	620	550	43,230	42,399	40,620
Harvested 1,000 acres	640	545	500	32,650	32,304	33,329

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